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—J. L. Kieffer of Amboy is here.
—A. F. Riss is home from Streator.
—Chas. Schick is home from Chicago.

—C. A. Lucas is in Chicago on business.

—Miss Jessie Burright of First street is ill.

—Miss Beatie Moore is visiting in Chicago.

—James Fleming was a visitor from Harmon today.

—Alderman Edward E. Fischer was in Sterling today.

—H. W. Hummer of Franklin Grove was here yesterday.

—Carl Brown returned from his southern trip yesterday.

—H. P. Edmunds, of Taylor, Ogle county, was here today.

—Fred Rosbrook was in Sterling yesterday on a business trip.

—Mrs. Raymond, nee Hastings, will visit in the city over Sunday.

—The plate glass front in the Ed. Morris building is now in place.

—W. L. Reigle was down from Franklin Grove on business this week.

—C. C. Crawford and George March drove here from Nachusa on business.

—Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Joynt of Harmon are visiting relatives in the city.

—Mrs. Geo. Shields and son left this morning for a week's visit in Mendota.

—Last skate of the season at Rosbrook's Rink tonight. Music in attendance.

—Rev. T. F. Dornblaser will conduct services at Sugar Grove church Sunday, at 3 p. m.

—Mrs. F. E. Clink is home from Sublette, where she has been nursing her husband's brother.

—The staff of Minnie Belle Rebecca Lodge will meet Monday night at half-past seven o'clock.

—Miss Agnes Murphy entertained friends last evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Donahue of Chicago.

—E. A. Bartholomew is in Morrison and when he returns will bring with him a horse and outfit for his business.

—Miss Mabel Dugdale returned to Oregon today after a pleasant visit with her friend, Miss Lizzie Burright.

—The Dixon Ice Company will in the future run a wagon for the West End trade and one is now being built for that purpose.

—H. F. Waterman of Rockford, special agent of the Security Insurance Co., was here on business with Loveland & Stiteley.

—Miss Florence Gantz of Rockford College is home for a week's visit and is being entertained at the home of Miss Franc Utley.

—The literary meeting of the young people of St. Paul's Lutheran church was on account of the weather postponed until next Friday evening.

—Miss Eva Swigart is back from Chicago and Moncay will return to her former position as trimmer at the Millinery parlors of Mrs. Albright.

—The Young People's Union at the Baptist church will have a rally at 6 p. m. tomorrow. A full attendance of the members and friends is hoped for.

—Two carloads meat came to Dixon yesterday on Armour's route, C. G. Koerner salesman. It was the largest consignment of meat that ever came to Dixon.

—Photographer Al. Chiverton has been joined by W. H. Trescott, a gentleman who intends to learn the business of photography and make a start in some other town.

—Joseph & Whitehouse are now nicely settled in their new quarters in the east side of the store with Burkhardt, the jeweler. They will in addition to their tailoring business open up a line of gents' furnishings.

—Carlo, Dick Dement's pet dog, receiving severe injury. The bones of the right fore leg were broken and yesterday Dr. J. H. Miller, veterinary surgeon, set the injured leg. The little animal held very still during the entire operation and will be around in a couple of weeks.

—Morrison expects soon to have a new opera house. A meeting of business men was held there recently to consider a proposition made by a local insurance association. The insurance company proposes to erect a \$15,000 to \$18,000 opera house if the people of that community will take \$1,000,000 of insurance. The plan was favorably received but action was deferred until later.

He Was in Bad Odor—Refused a Bath.

An inmate of the county house thawed out and made his appearance at the office of Supervisor E. W. Smith yesterday morning with a terrible sad grievance against Superintendent Fritz.

He is of that well defined genus known familiarly as a tramp. We say thawed out, but perhaps we should intimate that this chrysalis has developed; well, not into anything like a butterfly, though he would make the butter fly if he found access to your kitchen and bread pantry.

The gist of of the complaint was that the superintendent was a sort of a General Weyer, whose atrocious indignities were beyond endurance. Suffering Cuba's wrongs were nothing compared with what this poor inoffensive individual has had to endure. "And what did you do?" inquired the kindly supervisor. "Nothing," said the complainant, "absolutely nothing. And Fritz never accused me of doing anything."

However, it appeared upon further investigation, that the man, evidently was not of Baptist proclivities, in fact utterly opposed to immersion; had never heard of Pears' soap and his perfumery did not come from Paris. There was evidently something about the fellow which caused Mr. Smith the conviction that "his offence was rank and smelled to heaven;" so he quietly enquired, "And what wouldn't you do that Mr. Fritz wanted you to?" "Why," said the fellow, "he had the audacity to tell me I must take a bath, and I would not do it." "No," said Supervisor Smith, "I don't suppose you ever did such a thing in your life," and as he stepped to the door he continued, "I am going to find the city scavenger and instruct him that if he finds you in town in half an hour, to tie you to a stone and let you soak in the river for a week or so." So, reader on a visit there, if you detect a peculiar odor in the supervisor's office, it is the result of the fumigation to which it was subjected after this interview.

Death of a Pioneer.

Uncle Samuel Bixby, at his home about three miles northwest of Amboy, died yesterday afternoon, after an illness of several years, at the advanced age of 86 years.

Deceased was born and reared in Vermont, but came to Lee county from Hornby, New York in 1844, and purchased the claim of Rev. Joseph Gardner on what is now known as Crombie Lane, where he has ever since resided. He was the only surviving member of the first Baptist church in that locality and his house was the stopping place of pioneer ministers of all denominations. His first wife died many years ago. He leaves a second wife and four grown children. The funeral services will be held at the homestead at two o'clock tomorrow (Sunday) afternoon.

A Heavy Rain.

The heavy downpour of rain last evening between six and seven o'clock flooded the gutters and obstructed all the entrances to sewers so that on First street at Galena, Hennepin and Peoria avenues the water streamed out over the streets instead of going underneath. At Peoria avenue and Fourth street the water in one place flowed over the curb and in under the stone sidewalk, washing out the cinders and allowing it to settle for several inches. This was caused by not filling up the space level between the curb and sidewalk. It would seem necessary when heavy rains are in progress that the streets be patrolled by those who will remove the debris from sewer openings, allowing a free passage for the water. The total precipitation was 1.28 inches.

Vernal Equinox.

If there is really such a thing as an equinoctial storm, and many people believe there is, we had it last night in all its glory. The vernal equinox is about here and the rain came in copious showers with considerable thunder and lightning as evidence of the notion that this is the season for storms. The astronomical spring day is not many hours from being here. Tonight and tomorrow will be about as nearly alike as to length of time of light and darkness as the days and nights ever become.

Theatre Party.

The theatre party to Chicago this morning was a tribute to the energy of Prof. Stoddard and was gratifying to all. Through the kindness of Agent F. L. Murray a chair car will be run going and coming and it was filled with forty-six members, who will undoubtedly have an entertaining and profitable trip.

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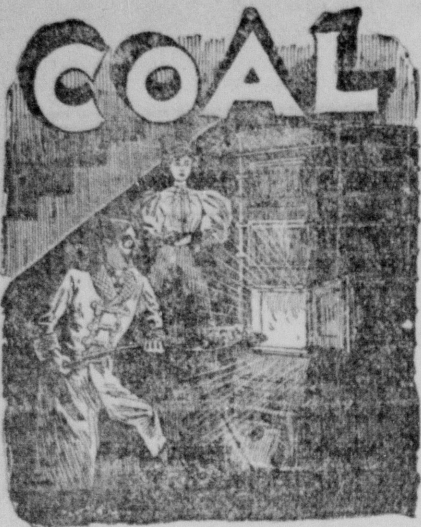
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M'KINLEY SAID HURRY,

And That Is All That Is Known Regarding the Report on the Maine Disaster.

MIDDLE OF NEXT WEEK, PERHAPS,

Long-Expected Document May Be Published. But Don't Gamble on That—Alleged Austro-Spanish Alliance—Europe at Work to Avert War Over Cuba—Figures Purporting to Give Spain's Military Strength—Correspondent Laine's Story Denied by the Havana Parties.

Washington, March 19.—All that is known regarding the report on the Maine disaster is that the president has suggested that the report be made as soon as possible, and in consequence it is expected to reach this city in the course of two or three days. The cabinet yesterday talked over the matter and the time stated was the general opinion of the members when they had heard all that Secretary Long had to



QUEEN REGENT MARIA CHRISTINA.

report on the subject. A cabinet officer expressed the belief that the report will require careful consideration on the part of the president and his cabinet before being given to the public, which would seem to postpone publication to some time about the middle of next week, although nothing is certain on that point. Beyond the Amazonas, her sister ship Abreuil, and the Mayflower no purchases of ships have been made by the navy department. The Amazonas was formally turned over to the United States yesterday at the British shipyard, the Brazilian flag lowered and "Old Glory" hoisted.

War Preparations Go Right Along. Recruiting is going on apace at all stations for the army and navy, the Michigan at Erie, Pa., has enlisted fifty-five men so far and good reports come from all quarters. The ordnance bureau of the war department yesterday awarded contracts for a large number of steel armor-piercing and deck-piercing projectiles for the coast fortification guns. Steps have been taken by the engineer's office for the expenditure of the \$5,000,000 originally allotted out of the \$50,000,000 national defense fund for the continuation of the improvement of various works of fortification. Practically all of it will be devoted to the Atlantic and gulf coasts.

Europe at Work for Peace. It is believed by certain people here that there is a practical alliance between Austria and Spain. This alliance is in reality the most important development which has taken place since the Cuban question assumed an acute form. The great forces in Europe and America are working to the end that the affair may terminate without war between Spain and the United States. Of this there can be no question. Something may happen to precipitate war. When a negotiation is being carried on in close proximity to a powder magazine there is always more or less liability of an explosion until the deal is actually consummated. This, in a nutshell, is the Cuban situation today. Barring accidents there will be no war, but the possibility of an explosion cannot be entirely eliminated.

SAMPSON DOES NOT KNOW

When the Maine Report Will Be Ready and Refuses to Surrender.

Key West, Fla., March 19.—The court of inquiry is diligently continuing its sessions on board the battleship Iowa, and judging from statements made by members it is quite problematical how many more days will pass before the public learns its conclusions. By the courtesy of Rear Admiral Seward the correspondent of the Associated Press was yesterday enabled to escape the rigor of the recent rule forbidding correspondents to go on board warships, and was the first civilian to interview the members of the court of inquiry since they secreted themselves on Wednesday on the Iowa.

Captain Sampson said: "The court is still hard at work. I have just left my conferees. It is utterly impossible to say when our report will be ready. If I surmised the date and you reported it I am afraid something might occur that would defeat the expectation and only serve to disappoint the anxious public. When the report is ready it will not be for us to make the announcement. Washington, I presume, will do that." If a preliminary report had already been sent to Washington, Captain Sampson apparently knew nothing of it.

COME AGAIN, BROTHER LAINE.

Fetch on Some More Evidence That Gen. Weyler Is a Lunatic.

Havana, March 19.—Late Thursday night a correspondent saw Don Francisco de Los Santos Guzman, to whom General Weyler is alleged to have written a letter, published in the New York Journal, apparently suggesting the destruction of the United States battleship Maine. The former president of the cortes was much surprised when asked if he had received such a letter. He said: "I have not received any letter from General Weyler, and for that reason it is impossible that any one could have stolen such a letter from me. I am ignorant of the exist-

ence of such a letter and consequently of its alleged contents."

Senor Francisco Diaz, the reporter of the Union Constitucional, who is said to have given a copy of the alleged letter to a Journal correspondent at Havana, was even more surprised when questioned on the subject. He said: "It is the first time I have heard of such a letter from General Weyler or from anyone else. This being true, of course I could not have given the alleged copy to any one."

STRENGTH OF THE SPANISH ARMY.

What We Would Have to Fight on Land in Case of War.

Washington, March 19.—Seventy thousand men is the number of Spanish soldiers who have been killed, wounded and otherwise incapacitated for duty during the present war in Cuba. These figures have been received in this city recently from reliable sources, and are said to be as nearly authentic as it is possible to obtain them without recourse to the records kept by the Spanish government. From the same source considerable other information bearing on the military strength of Spain and her dependencies is obtained. The present force of Spain in Cuba is composed, 135,000 regulars, of which it is estimated, 80,000 are effective for military purposes. There are about 30,000 members in what is known as the volunteer army. These are mostly in the province of Havana, and are largely in the nature of home guards, corresponding to our state militia.

The strength of the Spanish army at home and including her nearby possessions is 100,000 men, which in times of demand for additional soldiers may be increased as follows: First reserve, 50,000; second reserve, 160,000, all of whom are instructed in military tactics, and a third reserve the members of which are not instructed of 300,000, making in all a grand total of 610,000 men. Since these figures were received here recent drafts of 15,000 men to strengthen the army in Cuba leave only 85,000 men of Spain's regular army now in the peninsula, the Balearic islands, the Spanish possessions in North Africa and the Canary islands.

In the Philippine Islands Spain has an army of 32,000 men, which includes about 15,000 native troops. Several regiments of the latter were disbanded during the time of the late insurrection in the islands and in time of war, it is said, they are of very little use to the Spanish government. In Porto Rico there are 5,000 Spanish troops, which, in the event of hostilities could be supplemented by 4,000 volunteers.

VIEW OF A CUBAN AUTONOMIST.

Present Scheme for Cuban Government Fills the Bill for Him.

Washington, March 19.—A distinguished assemblage of officials representing in their several capacities the Spanish government and the new insular government of Cuba met here yesterday. They included the Spanish minister, who in this instance acts as the special plenipotentiary of Spain to negotiate commercial treaties; Senor Manuel Ralael Angulo, special delegate of the Cuban government; Senor Leonie Varela, secretary of the chamber of commerce of Havana, joint commissioners, and Senor Cadranra, of the Cuban finance division, joint commissioner. They are here to open negotiations for commercial treaties between the United States, Spain and Cuba. Senor Angulo talked freely of the autonomy scheme for Cuba.

He said that the Cuban people desired self-government. Heretofore they had felt that Spain was not willing to grant real autonomy. When, however, Spain put into force the present autonomous plan it was accepted by the most advanced autonomists in Cuba as fully meeting their aspirations. He and others who had always belonged to the radical autonomist wing were convinced, he said, that when the passions of the moment passed away all Cubans would accept autonomy as giving them home rule in its fullest sense.

As a member of the radical autonomist party Angulo said it was his deliberate opinion that the plan now offered by Spain was a complete system of local self-government, although like every human effort it was subject to certain improvements in its administrative features, which he believed Spain would agree to. He had no doubt that the Cuban problem would be solved without a conflict between the United States and Spain. It would have been settled before this time, he said, if the present agitation had not influenced those who were about to accept autonomy and induced them to adopt an expectant attitude. When asked as to the present war preparations and the prospect of a conflict between the United States and Spain he said:

"I do not believe there is to be a conflict between the United States and Spain over Cuba, because, since the death of Canovas, the policy has been such that the United States can have no pretext or cause of resentment, neither as a nation nor as a defender of the rights of the people of the western continent in their conflicts with the European nations; because Spain, in use of its sovereign will and following the suggestion of the United States government, has granted to the people of Cuba all the liberties compatible with the historical rights of Spain over the island of Cuba, as recognized by all civilized nations, the United States included."

Charles Foster for Intervention.

Toledo, March 19.—Ex-Secretary of the Treasury Charles Foster yesterday gave a newspaper interview on the Cuban situation as follows: "The decision for peace or war really lies with Spain. She must accept our intervention in Cuba, or she must declare war. I am strongly in favor of doing it by the recognition of the republic of Cuba as a free and independent nation."

Here's That "Pacification" Report Again. Madrid, March 19.—It is asserted that, the centralized western provinces having been pacified, General Blanco is about starting on extensive operations with eighty battalions and large volunteer forces to destroy the insurgent power in eastern Cuba.

O'd Wisconsin Physician Dead.

Waterford, Wis., March 19.—Dr. Geo. S. Newell, one of the best known practitioners in southwestern Wisconsin, died yesterday at Rochester, aged 82. He was a native of Vermont and a member of the territorial legislature. He was prominent in Masonic circles.

COURTS ARE BLAMED

For the Inefficiency of the Interstate Commerce Law in Operation.

COMMISSIONER KNAPP'S VIEWS.

Given to the Senate Committee Investigating the Subject of Improving the Law—Some Reflections on the Jurists Indulged in by Tillman and Elkins, the Latter Referring to the Disputed Tariff Clause—Present Law Declared a Failure.

Washington, March 19.—The senate committee on interstate commerce yesterday resumed its hearings upon the Cullom bill amending the present interstate commerce law. Judge M. A. Knapp, of the interstate commerce commission, addressed the committee in favor of the proposed bill. He said that the situation, so far as the present law was concerned, had resolved itself into this: that the original machinery—the present law—crude and ineffective in some respects, has practically broken down. The proposed bill is to provide new machinery by which the principles involved in the original law may be made effective. Judge Knapp explained that the courts had seriously affected the law by their decisions. Senator Tillman inquired what reason there was for believing that the courts would not refine away the proposed bill as they had the present law.

Judge Knapp replied that it was impossible to foretell what the courts might do. "The best we can do," said he, "is carefully and thoughtfully to legislate upon this subject."

Elkins Has a Nap at the Courts.

"It doesn't seem," said Tillman, "that plain English alone is sufficient as applied to railroads."

"Or as applied to section 22 of the tariff law," interjected Elkins.

Continuing his statement Judge Knapp said that section 4 of the present law had, in its operation, been seriously crippled by the decisions of the courts. The proposed substitute for that section, he said, is practically the British law, and has received the approval of the commission after the most careful thought. "As it is proposed," said Judge Knapp, "the section will be in entire harmony with the measure as a whole, which confers the right upon carriers to establish rates that are higher for short than for longer distances."

Important Amendments Proposed.

One provision of the proposed bill, Judge Knapp explained, made it imperative upon the railroads to publish their freight and passenger tariffs. In that respect he deemed the existing law faulty. Another important amendment to the existing law, Judge Knapp believed, was that which reads: "No change shall be made in the schedules of rates, fares and charges filed and published as aforesaid unless the carrier files with the commission a statement of such changes, and posts new schedules as hereinbefore provided, or plainly indicates such changes upon those already posted, at least sixty days before the taking effect of such changes." Judge Knapp explained at length some of the other provisions of the proposed bill, describing the technical differences between them and those of the existing law. He had not concluded when the committee adjourned.

GOVERNOR'S WIDOW IN COURT.

Goes There to Break Her Husband's Will and Charges Desertion.

Milwaukee, March 19.—Emelle M. Ludington, widow of Harrison Ludington, formerly mayor of this city and governor of Wisconsin, yesterday commenced action for her dower portion of the Ludington estate, which is worth \$1,500,000. She alleges that the trustees of the estate prevailed upon her to accept a much smaller sum of the estate than was due her, and that she did not know until recently that she could renounce the will and take her legal share and alleges that the settlement with her by the trustees was obtained by fraud.

Twenty-Three Horses Burned.

Kewanee, Ill., March 19.—Aldeo, the county seat of Mercer county, was swept by a most destructive fire. A block of the business part of the city was destroyed. Twenty-three valuable horses were burned to death. The fire was discovered shortly after midnight in Carter Bros.' livery stable. The flames spread from each side of the stable and consumed the entire block. The greatest loss was sustained by Bancroft & Winger, whose large implement house was destroyed.

New Day for Inauguration.

Washington, March 19.—The senate committee on privileges and elections has authorized a favorable report on the amendment to the constitution of the United States introduced by Hoar, changing the time of year for the inauguration of the terms of the president, vice president, senators and representatives in congress from March 4 until the last Wednesday in April. The change is made to take effect in 1901.

Gage Speaks to Cleveland People.

Cleveland, March 19.—Secretary of the Treasury Gage delivered an address last evening before the Chamber of Commerce upon financial questions. The chamber was densely crowded with the leading business men of the city. No one but members were admitted. After the address the secretary was entertained at the Union club.

Lake Navigation to Open Up.

Milwaukee, March 19.—A Sentinel special from Mackinac City, Mich., says: The outlook is for the earliest opening of navigation on record. There is now open water between here, St. Ignace and Mackinac island; from McGulpin's Point, Waugoshance on the west, and between here and Point Sable, Lake Huron.

Naval Work for West Superior.

West Superior, Wis., March 19.—The American Steel Barge company recently prepared plans for two torpedo boats and a steel monitor, which were shown to the Washington officials by Captain Alexander McDougall, who will return today. It is understood, with contracts for the two torpedo boats.

Millions Given Away.

It is certainly gratifying to the public to know of one concern in the land who are not afraid to be generous to the needy and suffering. The proprietors of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, have given away over ten million trial bottles of this great medicine; and have the satisfaction of knowing it has absolutely cured thousands of hopeless cases. Asthma, Bronchitis, Hoarseness and all diseases of the Throat, Chest and Lungs are surely cured by it. Call on A. H. Tillson, Druggist, and get a trial bottle free. Regular size 50c and \$1.00. Every bottle guaranteed, or price refunded.

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KID SAID TO HAVE A NEW WIFE.
Pugilist McCoy Alleged to Have Married—No License Apparent.
Cleveland, March 19.—It is learned that "Kid" McCoy, who came to Cleveland to referee the Lavigne-Daly fight Thursday night, was secretly married in St. Louis on March 6—the day following the granting of a divorce to the pugilist's first wife. When asked by a reporter about his marriage, McCoy became extremely angry and said: "That's none of your business. It's a matter that concerns myself only."
"Doc" Payne, the "Kid's" trainer, was seen later and asked about the marriage. At first he utterly refused to be interviewed, but after reflecting, he said: "Yes, it is true that the 'Kid' was married in St. Louis on March 6. The bride is a New Yorker. There are reasons why I cannot divulge her name. There is no denying that the 'Kid' is sore on the subject. There was some trouble about his first wife and the divorce mixed up in the matter. If you but knew all the details I am sure you would not ask me anything about it."
St. Louis, March 19.—At the marriage license office at the court house here there is no record of the issuance of a license to Charles Selby, better known as "Kid" McCoy, to marry, on or about March 6. When "Kid" McCoy was here on March 5 and 6 a very pretty and fashionable young lady was seen with him on several occasions, but nobody could learn who she was.

GOOD FEATURES REMAIN.
Trade Situation Loses Nothing That Was of an Encouraging Nature.
New York, March 19.—Bradstreet's says: The aggregate volume of the country's business continues sufficiently large to allow of favorable comparisons with preceding years. Aside from a quieting demand at a few leading eastern markets, where uncertainty as to the outcome of foreign complications is advanced as a reason for unwillingness to embark in new business, the situation is one possessing nearly all of the favorable features noted for some time past. Favorable weather has improved distribution of dry goods, clothing, millinery, building materials, agricultural implements and nearly all other products forming staple articles of consumption among the prosperous farming community.
The movement of iron and steel is especially large, but without effect on prices, which are generally very firmly held. Other favorable features of the country's general trade situation are summed up in liberal shipments of leading cereals, unprecedented totals of exports at New York, fewer business failures and slightly larger bank clearings.
Business failures in the United States this week number 233, as against 247 last week 231 in the corresponding week of 1897, 300 in 1896 and 252 in 1895.

Guilty of a Double Crime.
South Haven, Mich., March 19.—Jealousy of a married woman is the motive assigned for the murder of Stephen Sprague, who was found dead near Deer Lick creek, a few miles from here. Jeff Mason, the suspect under arrest, asserts his innocence. Sprague had been calling on the woman and her husband, who lived six miles from here, in Covert township. He started to walk home on the railroad track. A few minutes afterward Mrs. Betts says she saw Mason going in that direction.
Struck by a Falling Limb.
Baraboo, Wis., March 19.—As A. Berghammer and Joseph Singletary were cutting down a tree near Lime Ridge the former was struck on the head and shoulders by a falling limb. He was picked up unconscious and his recovery is doubtful.

ABBREVIATED TELEGRAMS.
Mrs. Elizabeth Babcock, who resided near Mendon, Mich., died aged 100 years 3 months.
The steamship Etruria, sailing from New York for Europe today, took out 542,000 ounces of silver.
Twelve tons of supplies for the Cuban Cistern were started south by rail from Cincinnati yesterday.
Rev. George B. Engle, aged 90 years, he senior presbyter of the Episcopal church in the diocese of Indiana, died at Indianapolis.
"Kid" McCoy, at Springfield, O., knocked out Dick Bobly in one minute and ten seconds. Bobly is a giant, 6 feet 2 inches high.
"Baby" Bliss, the mighty wheelman so well known to the people of Chicago, is a candidate for police magistrate of Bloomington, Ills.
The feeling against Americans at San Juan, Porto Rico, is so bitter that United States Consul Hanna will probably ask for a warship.
The crew of the filibuster Dauntless, seventeen in all, finding occupation gone by the seizure of the boat, has joined the United States navy.
An electric railway will be built from the Wisconsin Central railroad station at Waupaca, Wis., to the Chain of Lakes and the Wisconsin Veterans home.
The navy department has issued orders for the location of a squadron in Hampton Roads and another at Port Royal, S. C., to be made up by dividing the fleet at Tortugas.
J. W. Blake, of Mexia, chairman of the Texas Democratic executive committee, has determined to make the race against Governor Culberson for United States senator.
The bill prohibiting the distribution and sale in Canada of newspapers issued or purporting to be issued on Sunday passed second reading in the Dominion house of commons.
John Henderson, of South Chicago, an employee of the Illinois Steel company, has received notification of his inheritance of one-third of an estate of \$225,000 in Aberdeenshire, Scotland.
Four toughs took possession of a Salvation Army meeting at Marinette, Wis., pounding the bass drum and singing "There'll Be a Hot Time" and similar songs in spite of protests.
It is said to be probable that President McKinley will appoint Judson C. Lyons, colored, national committeeman from Georgia, register of the treasury to succeed the late B. K. Bruce.
Suit for \$100,000 damages against the Illinois Central road has been begun at Chicago by Frederick C. Gibbs on the ground that the elevation of the company's tracks has cut off the light from buildings on his property.

HE SCORNEA A WOMAN
New York Lawyer Gets a Probable Death-Wound as the Wages of Sin.

MRS. ARNOLD HAS HER REVENGE
On the Man Whom She Charges with Ruining Her, Body and Soul—Goes to His Office and After a Quarrel Puts Two Bullets Into Him—Story of the Man and Also That Told by the Woman Who Handled the Revolver.
New York, March 19.—The shooting of Lafayette R. Beckley, a lawyer, in his office in this city by a woman named Mrs. Dora Arnold is one of the most sensational crimes that has occurred here recently. Wm. J. Morgan, who occupied the office with Beckley, had gone into an adjoining room when Mrs. Arnold entered. He heard Mrs. Arnold and Beckley quarrelling, and then a pistol shot, after which Beckley threw open the door between the two rooms and gasped: "She's killed me! Catch her! She got away down the elevator!" Morgan assisted Beckley to a lounge, and telling the office boy to summon an ambulance started after the woman. Mrs. Arnold had already succeeded in reaching the street. Morgan caught sight of the woman, and calling a policeman caused her arrest. She was taken back to the office, where Beckley identified her.
Tells the Story of the Shooting.
After the woman had been taken away Beckley told his partner of the shooting, but said nothing of the causes that led up to it. "When I heard Mrs. Arnold wanted to see me," he said, "I sent away the other woman who had been in my office and sent the office boy out of the room. Mrs. Arnold took a chair facing me. She had a fur around her neck and carried a muff in her hand. This prevented me seeing what she was doing with her hands. I have had trouble with her for months, and she has threatened me before, but when she came in today she was very quiet and seemed to have no idea of harming me."
Heard the Click of a Revolver.
"We had been talking for a few minutes when she became excited and began to threaten me. At the same time she threw aside her coat and put her right hand in her muff. Just then I heard a faint click like the cocking of a revolver inside her muff. 'What have you got there?' I asked. As I said this she got up and stood in front of me and drew a revolver from her muff. Before I could get out of my chair or move to defend myself she had pushed the muzzle against my abdomen and fired." He then told how, before he could take the revolver away the woman had fired again, striking him in the shoulder.

MRS. ARNOLD STATES HER CASE.
Charges Beckley with First Ruining and Then Deserting Her.
At the police station to which Mrs. Arnold was taken after the shooting the woman said: "My name is Dora Eagleson, but I have been known as Dora Arnold. I hope I have killed him. I was born in Buffalo 30 years ago. My parents came from Devonshire, England. I support myself by keeping boarders."
"What made you shoot him?" asked the sergeant.
"Because that man ruined me body and soul," she replied. "He robbed me of my money; he robbed me of my husband. After nine years I found out the other day that this man Beckley had married another woman. I went up there and asked him what he intended to do. He said nothing, and I hold him he would regret it. So today I went there and shot him."
"He was cruel," she continued. "I hope he is dead. Nine years ago my husband and myself lived in Michigan. We decided to move here, and I came on while he stayed behind to dispose of some property. To support myself I opened a boarding house and Beckley took a room. We gradually became friendly. He was married a year ago, but he kept me in ignorance of it right along. I heard only by accident that he was married, for he never intended I should know."
The woman's principal anxiety was to discover whether the man was dead and she frequently expressed a hope that he was. Beckley's wound is a very serious one.

AWFUL LOSS OF LIFE IN SPAIN.
Sixty Corpses Recovered from a Coal Mine and Many Men Missing.
Madrid, March 19.—A terrible explosion took place yesterday in the Santa Isabel mine at Belmez, province of Cordova. Sixty corpses have already been recovered and many men are as yet unaccounted for.
Kingston, Jamaica, via Bermuda, March 19.—A dynamite explosion took place yesterday morning in the government storehouse on Montego bay. Eight men were killed and many injured.
Proceedings in the House.
Washington, March 19.—The house spent another day on the postoffice appropriation bill, but only disposed of two pages of the bill. Most of the day was devoted to a debate on the merits of the pneumatic tube mail service in New York, Boston, and Philadelphia, and the advisability of continuing the existing contract. An amendment was adopted making it a misdemeanor for any person to "pad" the mails during the period when the mails are being weighed to determine the compensation to be paid to the railroads for their transportation.
Death of Ex-Representative Woodman.
Chicago, March 19.—Ex-Representative Chas. W. Woodman died yesterday in Elgin insane asylum. Since last October he had suffered from paresis brought on by the rupture of a blood vessel in the brain. In 1891 he was sent to congress by the Republicans of the Fourth district, serving one term.
Hearing for Postal Savings.
Washington, March 19.—A subcommittee on postoffices and post-roads will give a hearing on Tuesday next, March 24, to those opposed to the postal savings bank project. Communications can be sent to Representative Bromwell, chairman of the subcommittee.

FAT IN PERIL OF THE FIRE.
Chicago Scale for Coal Mining in Danger of Repudiation.
Pittsburg, March 19.—The Pittsburg coal operators held a stormy meeting yesterday and as a result the Chicago agreement may be repudiated. The meeting was attended by all of the big operators and was for the purpose of ratifying the action of a committee sent to Columbus last week to arrange the day and dead work scales under the Chicago agreement. When the committee's report was read it became apparent that an additional 3 cents a ton for drilling in machine mines would be required of the Pittsburg operators.
This new condition was a hard jolt for those present, and all declared that the Chicago agreement does not require such a payment. One operator said this condition would give Ohio operators an advantage over Pittsburg of 12 cents instead of 9 cents as under the old differential. A new conference between Ohio and Pittsburg operators will be necessary and should it not solve the difficulty the question will likely be referred to arbitration.

NAIL AND WIRE COMBINATION.
John Lambert, of Joliet, Elected President of the New Concern.
Chicago, March 19.—John Lambert, of Joliet, president of the Consolidated Steel and Wire company, was yesterday elected president of the new nail and wire combination. The new company will start in active business on April 3 next. It will have a producing capacity of 700,000 tons of wire and wire rods, which will go into the various products now made by it, including wire nails, barbed wire, woven wire fencing, plain, galvanized bright, "market," and other varieties of wire, together with sundry other products.
The production mentioned is about 75 per cent. of the total production of the United States.
Found His Body in a Creek.
Wheaton, Ills., March 19.—The body of Fowler Irwin, who disappeared from his home in this city on the night of March 6 and for whom the police of Chicago and surrounding country have been searching, was found in the bottom of a creek a mile west of this city. There were no marks of violence or any indication of foul play. Irwin was 71 years old and it is probable he became despondent and threw himself into the creek.

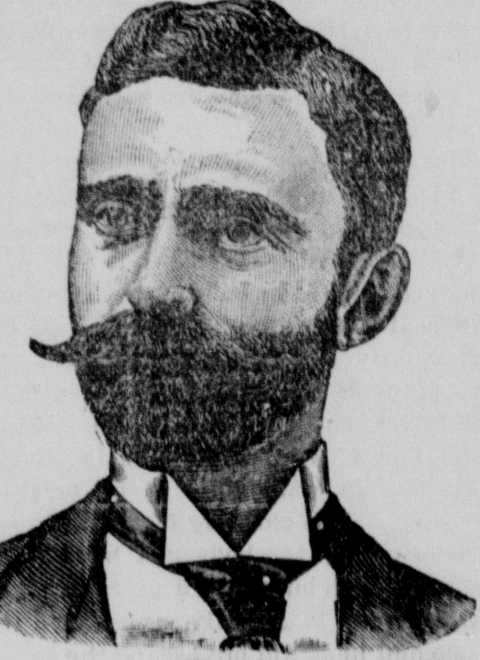
Promptly Ordered a Strike.
Mercer, Pa., March 19.—Twenty-six delegates, representing nearly 5,000 coal miners in Mercer, Butler and Lawrence counties, met here yesterday to confer with the operators. The operators failed to appear and the meeting passed a resolution that all miners in the three counties should quit work on April 1 and refuse to return until all the operators comply with the requirements of the Chicago agreement.
Pittsburg and Gulf Extension.
Chicago, March 19.—It is reported that the Pittsburg and Gulf road is shortly to make some important extensions. It will, it is said, build a line from Quincy, Ills., to Beardstown, Ills., where it will connect with the Baltimore and Ohio, thus getting for itself a through line to the Atlantic seaboard, and giving to the Baltimore and Ohio direct line to Kansas City.

German Socialists Celebrate.
Berlin, March 19.—In all, some thirty socialist and radical meetings were held here yesterday for the purpose of commemorating the revolution of 1848. Herr Liebnicht, the Socialist leader, who had just finished a term in jail, addressed a meeting at which he was hailed with enthusiasm. He also issued a revolutionary pamphlet.
Doctor Charged with Stealing.
Chicago, March 19.—Regis Beauchamp, alias Dr. Thomas, who says he is a dentist, was arrested at the Saratoga hotel yesterday. He will be held pending the arrival of an officer from Two Rivers, Wis., where Beauchamp is wanted on several charges of larceny.

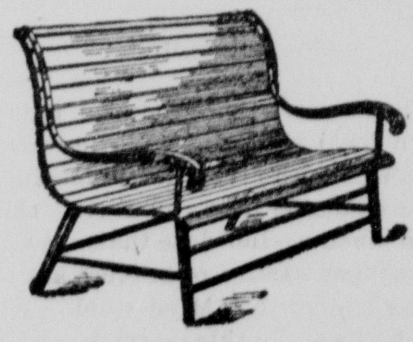
Death of Judge Claypool.
Indianapolis, March 19.—Judge Solomon Claypool died last night, aged 69. He was one of the most prominent attorneys in Indiana. He had been ill for a long time.
The Weather We May Expect.
Washington, March 19.—Following are the weather indications for twenty-four hours from 8 p. m. yesterday: For Illinois—Rain; warmer in northeastern portion; southerly winds. For Indiana and Lower Michigan—Rain; warmer; fresh southerly winds. For Upper Michigan—Rain; fresh northeasterly winds. For Wisconsin—Rain; warmer in southeastern portion; fresh northeasterly winds. For Iowa—Rain, possibly turning to snow; colder tonight; northerly winds.

THE MARKETS.
Chicago Grain and Produce.
Chicago, March 19.
Following were the quotations on the Board of Trade today: Wheat—May, opened \$1.04½, closed \$1.05½; July, opened 85½c, closed 86c; September, opened 78½c, closed 78½c. Corn—May, opened 29½c, closed 29½c; July, opened 30½c, closed 30½c; September, opened 31½c, closed 31½c. Oats—May, opened 25½c, closed 25½c; July, opened and closed 23½c. Pork—May, opened and closed \$9.92½; July, opened \$9.97½; Lard—May, opened and closed \$5.15; July, opened \$5.22½, closed \$5.20.
Produce: Butter—Extra Creamery, 98c per lb.; extra dairy, 16c; fresh packing stock, 9½c to 10½c. Eggs—Fresh stock, 9½c per doz. Dressed Poultry—Turkeys, 1½c to 11c per lb.; chickens, 8c to 8½c; ducks, 6c to 8c. Potatoes—Common to choice, 56c to 66c per bu. Sweet Potatoes—Illinois, \$2.50 to \$3.50.
Chicago Live Stock.
Chicago, March 18.
Hogs—Estimated receipts for the day, 22,000; sales ranged at \$2.55 to \$3.90 for pigs, \$3.75 to \$3.95 for light, \$3.75 to \$3.85 for rough packing, \$3.80 to \$4.02½ for mixed, and \$3.90 to \$4.10 for heavy packing and shipping lots. Cattle—Estimated receipts for the day, 3,000; quotations ranged at \$5.15 to \$5.55 for choice to extra steers, \$4.70 to \$5.20 good to choice do., \$4.25 to \$4.75 fair to good, \$3.50 to \$4.30 common to medium do., \$3.75 to \$4.25 butchers' steers, \$3.50 to \$4.20 stockers, \$4.00 to \$4.65 feeders, \$2.25 to \$3.90 cows, \$2.60 to \$4.40 heifers, \$2.60 to \$4.25 bulls, oxen and stags, \$3.60 to \$4.55 Texas steers, and \$4.00 to \$4.75 veal calves. Sheep and Lambs—Estimated receipts for the day, 6,000; quotations ranged at \$3.50 to \$4.55 westerns, \$3.25 to \$4.65 natives, and \$4.25 to \$5.40 lambs.
Milwaukee Grain.
Milwaukee, March 18.
Wheat—1½c higher; cash No. 1 northern, \$1.00; No. 2 northern, 97c to 98c; No. 1 northern May, \$1.01½c; No. 1 northern July, 96c. Rye—Firm; No. 1, 49½c; May, 50½c. Barley—½c higher; No. 2, 47½c nominal; sample, 36c to 42c.

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NOTICE

A charge of 5 cents per line will be made on all CARDS OF THANKS, RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT, and all notices pertaining to socials where an admission fee is charged or articles are offered for disposal.

Another Kerosene Fatality.

Mrs. Nathan W. Watkins of Rockford, a lady of sixty years, died yesterday from the effects of burns received Thursday afternoon in an attempt to revive a smoldering fire with kerosene poured on the coals from an oil can. The oil ignited instantly and in a second the unfortunate woman was wrapped in flames. Her screams brought her husband, who was in a room in the front part of the house, and several neighbors. Mr. Watkins immediately realized the situation, and tearing off his coat, threw it around the burning form of his wife. When the flames were finally extinguished the woman was found to be terribly burned. The clothing from the entire upper part of the body was burned off and the flesh burned and charred. The arms were frightfully burned and the face and head did not escape the enveloping flames. Terrible internal injuries also resulted from inhaling the flames.

Examination of Applicants for West Point.

County School Superintendent I. F. Edwards informs us that he has received a communication from Hon. R. R. Hitt, suggesting that the county superintendents in the 9th District by correspondence arrange a list of questions and appoint a time and place, in conjunction with the medical examiner, to hold an examination of candidates for admission to the government military academy at West Point. The time and place of holding the examination has not been definitely determined, we believe; but it will probably be held at Freeport on the 20th of May.

Republican Congressional Convention.

The Republican Congress Committee for this (the 9th) district met in Freeport yesterday and issued a call for a congressional convention to be held in Freeport, April 26. The various counties in the district will be entitled to the following number of delegates: Winnebago, 27; Stephenson, 16; Ogle, 17; Lee, 16; Jo Daviess, 12; Carroll, 11; Boone, 10. The indications are that there will be little if any opposition to the nomination of Congressman Hitt. The committee-men of the Twelfth Senatorial district also met here today and issued a call for a Senatorial convention to be held at Freeport, April 3.

Game is Plentiful.

Hunters report many ducks flying and two flocks of golden plover were seen flying up the river this morning. Snipe are coming in in numbers, this being a much earlier date than usual. Three or four parties of hunters are to leave soon for the Mississippi. Al. Simonson was seen this morning with a rig loaded with ammunition. In company with J. W. and W. W. Kent he will soon start for Dyson's Lake on the Mississippi above Thomson to be gone a week.

That Settles It.

At that Democratic love feast at Bloomington Mayor Harrison of Chicago, was selected for Governor. We learn from the Tribune that to make the action more unanimous and show there were no hard feelings, the Mayor's private secretary made a speech in which he delivered all the votes from Cook county at the state convention into the proposed pool. For some reason the McLean county Democrats neglected to fill up the rest of the ticket.

Home Again.

Miss Sadie Shenk last evening returned from a business trip to Chicago in the interest of her millinery parlors, and a visit with her sister Minnie at school in Valparaiso, Indiana. Miss Della Drumhiller, who has been in Chicago for sometime came home with Miss Shenk.

Athletic Association.

The opening of the athletic season is signalled by the formation in the South Side schools of an athletic association. John Dodge, its president, announces a large membership and that a good foot ball and base ball nine will be worked up.

Big Fire at Oregon.

The Schiller Piano Factory, Oregon, was burned to the ground this morning at that place. The fire started at a little before six.

From Alabama.

Mrs. J. H. Thompson, daughter Nina, and son, Richard, are home from Daphne, Alabama, where they spent an enjoyable winter. They report the war feeling high and that the Southerners are anxious for a chance to clean the Spaniards out.

Gymnasium Exhibition.

Under the able instruction of Prof. Royce Long, the gymnasium class at the Y. M. C. A. rooms is rapidly getting into shape for one of its pleasing entertainments on March 31. Besides gymnasium work an excellent program of music will be rendered.

Speaks in Princeton.

General Secretary L. L. Everly left this morning for Princeton where tomorrow he will address an audience in the afternoon at the Y. M. C. A. rooms and also speak at one of the churches in that city.

Final Examination.

AMBOY ILL., March 17, 1898. The "Final Examination" will be held on Saturday, April 9th, 1898, and in the same place that the "Central" was held. A general average of 80 per cent is necessary to pass. There is no minimum. Would like to have those who assisted in the "Central," assist in the "Final".

The examination will begin at 8 a. m. and close at 5 p. m.

Respectfully

I. F. EDWARDS,

Co. Supt. of Schools.

From the Sterling Gazette.

John Close and Carl Smith attended the dance given by the Lakota club in Dixon last night and report a very pleasant time.

Several Sterling people will attend a party given by Mrs. Baily of Rock Falls this evening in honor of Misses Goldie and Maud Boyer of Dixon.

An item that will be of interest to all Modern Woodmen is that ground has been broken at Rock Island for the society's new building. It is to be three stories high, exclusive of basement, will cost \$75,000 and be ready for occupancy in June.

—Mrs. C. Buck and daughter, Ada, are visiting at the J. W. Franklin residence.

—Mrs. C. Cool received news today of the serious illness of a relative at Bellefontaine, Ohio.

—A Sunday school will be organized at the Preston school house in South Dixon tomorrow at 3 p. m.

—All those entitled to franchise should attend the Republican township caucus at the court house. It closes at 8:00 o'clock this evening.

—Mrs. O. J. Downing is suffering from a broken arm, the ulna being fractured just above the wrist. The injury was received while at home by a fall.

—A sacrifice sale of D. H. Lindsay's goods and chattels was held this afternoon at the John Howell feed barn on East First street. Mr. Lindsay was formerly connected with the Star restaurant.

—The Sterling Gazette of last evening says: "A. B. Titus spent yesterday on his farm south of Harmon. He says that the great Pollard dredge is working its way to the southwest and floats along in its own ditch. It is not exactly a canal, but Mr. Titus says the ditch across his farm will be 30 feet wide at the top, 18 feet in the bottom and 8 feet deep. This will surely give an outlet for all the surface water tributary to that region."

—The Vincent literary circle, which was to have met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Smith on Peoria avenue, was postponed on account of the atmospheric display of fireworks and the aqueous downpour. It was to have been Burns night, but the liquid supply was too watery for Burns and the outlook was not sufficient stimulating to attract an inspiring attendance of the membership. The meeting will be held next Friday evening, when an interesting program, with Scotia's bard for the subject, may be anticipated.

—Sound-money Democrats in various parts of the country are preparing for an active and vigorous fight against free silver and fusion. The Indiana wing of the sound-money party has already taken steps in favor of independent action, and the Iroquois Club, of Chicago, is to hold a banquet April 23, with the purpose of rallying the sound-money Democrats of the country and urging either independent action or co-operation with the Republican party in favor of sound-money and national honor in national finance.

IS NEW YORK CITY SAFE

Experts Are Divided on the Question.

CAN SPAIN BOMBARD THE TOWN?

An Attacking Fleet Would Be In the Line of Fire From Sandy Hook — Could Not Enter the Narrows — Spain's Probable Plan of Action.

WASHINGTON, March 19.—[Special.]—In view of the possibility of war between the United States and Spain, our naval experts have been discussing the most interesting question whether or not it would be possible for the fleets of Spain to shell New York city. Curiously enough, the experts are divided on this question. Some of our best authorities think it would be physically impossible for the Spanish ships to get near enough to New York city to throw shells into the lower part of the town. They point out that the distance from the waters off Coney Island to lower Broadway is more than ten miles, and that this is about the extreme range of modern guns. If the Spanish fleets were to attempt to shell New York from this spot, they would encounter two great difficulties. One is that the water is shoal there, and probably it would be impossible for the deep draft cruisers and battleships to get near enough to the city to make their guns effective. The other is that they would be in the line of fire of our fortifications on Sandy Hook, and the ships would probably be sent to the bottom before they could do much damage.

No one believes it would be possible for the ships of an enemy's fleet to pass through the Narrows and into New York harbor proper. If they were not destroyed by our shore batteries during the passage, they certainly would be sent to the bottom by our system of torpedo defenses now placed in the narrow channels. On this score an eminent ordnance officer said to me:

"The people must not think that New York city is without protection against the fleets of an enemy. For years congress has been making small appropriations for coast defenses. We who have had the expenditure of this money are not fools. We have perceived that with the funds at our command it was impossible to make New York impregnable by means of shore works, and we have quietly planted torpedoes and mines in the channels. To do this we have diverted some of the money appropriated by congress for land work and have kept still about it, as it was our duty to do. The mining of a harbor or of the approaches thereto is not a matter for newspaper talk or even of official report. It is secret work and is so regarded by all the nations of the world. But I can tell you that no ship of an enemy will ever pass through the Narrows into New York harbor."

A Contrary View.

Notwithstanding these encouraging reports, there are experts who believe it possible for the Spanish fleets to anchor off Sandy Hook and to throw explosive or mellenite shells into all of Brooklyn and lower New York. They say the guns carried by ships of the Vizcaya type will throw their projectiles 13 miles. It is true they could not be fired with accuracy at such long range, but a city is a big target to shoot at. It doesn't matter much where the shot strikes. It is sure to do immense damage anywhere. If the ships of Spain could get near enough to New York to throw shells into the city, they could do hundreds of millions of dollars of damage within a few hours. The weight of expert opinion, however, appears to be that New York is safe; that with our land batteries and the help of such of our ships as could be massed there for action the Spanish would find it almost impossible to land a shot in the city. If they attempted it, the effort would surely be attended by frightful disaster to them. Their whole fleet might be destroyed before it could get away.

Moreover, I find in government circles a change of opinion as to the nature of the war, should war come. A week or two ago our plan of campaign was mapped out upon the theory that if they do fight the Spanish will ignore Cuba and permit the island to fall into our hands, but seek to recoup themselves by descending upon New York or some other city selected by them and there wreaking frightful havoc. This theory was based upon the idea that if Spain must fight it will be a war of simple desperation, a war in which they expect to lose, but where pride and the desire to gain prestige with their own people will compel them to strike terrible blows at the United States at the very outset. The bombardment of New York, for instance, would set all Spain crazy with delight and give the government at Madrid a long lease of popular favor.

Spain on the Defensive.

But the prevailing belief at the present time is that if Spain is forced to go to war she will confine her operations largely to the sea and to the island of Cuba; that she will seek to make her plan of operations largely defensive, with perhaps some destruction of American commerce. The basis of this belief is a conviction that the statesmen of Spain know they will be defeated in a war with America, and that after hostilities have been brought to a close they will be called upon to settle the bill. They will have to pay a war indemnity to the United States, and the amount of this indemnity will be according to the losses suffered by the victor. If, therefore, the Spanish were to bombard New York or any other American city, they would in the end have to pay the bill out of their treasury. The more fiercely and destructively they wage war upon the United States the more they will have to pay when peace is declared, and if the war indemnity rises to a heavy figure Spain might be put to her wits' ends to pay it.

Another consideration of importance is that it will probably be the plan of Spain to make war for honor's sake, if she makes war at all, and in the hope that after a short campaign the governments of Europe will offer mediation and bring the hostilities to a close upon some terms honorable to Spain. The United States would doubtless be found generous and forbearing at such a moment, provided Spain's attacks had not inflicted too great losses upon us. If it is true, as many think, that Spain's only reason for fighting is to enable her to give up Cuba without suffering a revolution at home, the best thing she can do is to let the war be a sort of perfunctory one, to let her be brought to an end as soon as possible without great damage or loss on either side. Bombardment of New York would fasten upon Spain a war indemnity debt under which her people would be struggling for the next hundred years.

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The program of the Rock River Assembly, located at Dixon, Ill., is being rapidly completed. The 11th Annual Session will last from July 25th to August 11th. The Program Committee will expend at least \$600 more for talent this year than last. The State Luther League will open the session on Monday night and continue Tuesday, the 25th. General Jubilee services on Wednesday and Thursday, July 27th and 28th, the program of which will be furnished by Lutherans throughout the United States. The Assembly program proper, will open on Thursday evening, July 28th.

Talent—Normal Bible School, Rev. C. W. Heisler; Physical Culture, Miss Gertrude Hill, the whole session.

Impersonators—Edwin L. Barker, August 5th to 11th; Miss Rachel Baumann, July 28th to August 4th.

Music—Lyric Ladies Quartette, July 28th to August 3rd; The Slayton Jubilee Singers, August 5th to August 11th; Miss Mabel Geneva Sharp, soprano soloist, the whole session; Mme. Anna Grey, imported from Scotland, July 30, possibly 31st; Prof. W. W. Lauder, Piano Lecture Recitals from all masters, August 1st to August 6th; Mrs. Cora L. Lauder, Song Recital, August 1st to August 6th; Miss Gertrude Blackman, Pianist and Accompanist, the whole session; Temple Quartette, one date; Dixon Military Band, several dates; The Magniscope, July 28-29-30 and August 1st; Miss Nellie Beattie, Illustrated Songs, July 28-29-30 August 1st.

Illustrated Lectures—Rev. C. W. Heisler, August 7th; Rev. J. J. Lewis, "Passion Play at Oberamunaga," August 3rd; R. J. Bennett, "Alaska," August 9th.

Lecturers—Sam Jones, August 11th; Gen. J. B. Gordon, August 2nd; Dr. Graham Taylor, August 9th; Bishop J. H. Vincent, Chautauqua Day, August 5th; Mrs. L. M. Lake, Good Citizenship Day, July 29th; Rev. J. M. Cleary, Good Citizenship Day, July 29th; Col. G. W. Bain, August 5th and 6th, and Hon. A. S. Zook; Prof. W. H. Dana, July 29th to August 1st; Rev. F. C. Bruner,

Some Rambling Thoughts.

BY "NEMO"

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As to War:—Tender-hearted women, who face death to give life, I call on you by the memory of your own pangs to sit down and think of war as it is. See yonder regiment behind a fence, crouching out of the range of bullets that already begin their deadly work. Now at the word of command the men are on their feet: a moment later they are out beyond all protection, and away they go across the cruel zone of death, some pallid with the prescience of the end, some laughing with hysteria. Stumbling, shouting, cursing, they sweep forward, thinning as they go. With groans that are unheeded in the noise, many of them drop in their tracks, their bones shattered, their vitals pierced. A few are blessedly relieved from their pain at once, others linger for the cruel kindness of the surgeon and the long death in the crowded hospital. Imagine that out there on that bloody field is your son, a mangled mass of flesh and blood. What can you utter of rejoicing when his regiment marches home again lacking one man in it that made it something in very deed more than a mere numeral to you?

Look out again with dry, horrified eyes at the reaping place of Death. It is trodden back and forth by friend and foe; and at every maneuver that son is being ground more and more out of all recognition as the bright-eyed, bonny babe that kneaded your breasts with his chubby fists. He cannot move toward you; you cannot fly to him. There is a great hollow aching within. Night now falls, and there he still lies; sight gone, comeliness gone, life gone, with none to cover his horrors from the cold glitter of the stars and none to drive from him the ghouls who make sport of life by robbing the dead. With a shudder you think of the chill, enshrouding mist and the gloom of that dreadful night. With a deeper shudder you think of the heat and festering

yet have not even the remotest intention of moving away from your cozy fire-sides, examine yourselves and purge yourselves from confusion of thought. It is well to think twice before speaking once in favor of slaughter. The second thought will show that where there is no intention, no ability, no fitness for combat it is essentially selfish to urge it when others shall bear its burdens, leaving to the home-stayers only the results. Many of you will rejoice if war is declared. You will read with avidity news about your fellows going to their death, and then in the fluctuating values of the stock markets, you will see chances to make money out of misery, and straightway go and do it. You will pile up wealth while somebody's son gives up life to leave you undisturbed in scraping profits out of cowardly quiet. But if you who foment the war feeling by quiet chatting are worthy of blame, what shall be said of our New York purveyors of news—rather, perverters of news—who deliberately confuse the public mind with padded cablegrams, deceptive head-lines and falsified news.

Those conditions that justify war, that glorify the giving up of life for a cause, will be mentioned in a later article.

Church Announcements.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Sunday School 10:00 a. m. Preaching, 11:00 a. m. and 7:00 p. m. Junior Endeavor 3:00 p. m. Y. P. S. C. E. 6:00 p. m. E. W. Darst, City Evangelist of Chicago, will preach at the morning service on "Home Missions." As City Evangelist he has organized six churches in Chicago in the past two years. All should hear him. He is a splendid speaker. A series of doctrinal sermons on "First Principles," or "What must I do to be saved," will begin Lord's Day evening. The first will be a chart sermon on "Handling right the Word of Truth." The next also a chart sermon on "The Covenants."

ST. LUKE'S.

The Rev. John C. Sage, rector. Fourth Sunday in Lent. Holy Communion, sermon on "The Temptation" at 10:45 a. m. Sunday school at 12 m.; Evening prayer and sermon the third in the course on "The Creed of the Christian"—"Jesus Christ His Only Son, our Lord." Music by the vested choir of sixty, assisted by Mrs. L. E. Edwards, soprano, and Carl Seaberg, cornetist. Service leaflets furnished and all cordially invited.

PRESBYTERIAN.

Rev. A. R. Bickenbach, Pastor. Church services at 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m. Morning theme, "Faith Directed," the second of a series of four sermons on "Faith." Evening theme, "Nobility in an Obscure Life." Sunday School at 12 m. Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:00 p. m. Wednesday services: Jr. Endeavor at 4:15 p. m. Prayer meeting at 7:30 p. m. A cordial welcome to all.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH.

T. F. Dornblaser, Pastor. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Services at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Y. P. S. C. E. at 6 p. m. The evening discourse will be the third in the series to working men; the subject will be "The Founders and Iron Workers." The moulders and the Knights of the Anvil and the Forge are especially invited. Everybody will be welcome.

METHODIST.

Rev. O. H. Coesna, pastor. Preaching morning and evening by the pastor. Morning subject, "Christ's View of His Own Death." In the evening, "The People's Gospel and Praise Service." Subject of the discourse "The Need of the Hour for Thoughtful Young People." Special music by the choir at both services. Class meetings at 9:45 a. m. and 6 p. m. Epworth League at 6 p. m. Sunday School at noon.

SALVATION ARMY, UNION HALL.

Services at the barracks. Morning service at 11 o'clock; Junior meeting at 2:00 p. m. Christian's Family Gathering at 3:00 p. m., conducted by the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. This meeting will be addressed by Mrs. T. F. Dornblaser. Evening service at 7:30 p. m.

GRACE EVANGELICAL.

North side, corner Fellows street and Ottawa avenue. J. H. Keagle, Pastor. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:00 p. m. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Junior League at 2:30 p. m. Keystone League at 6:30 p. m. The pastor will preach his farewell sermon in the evening.

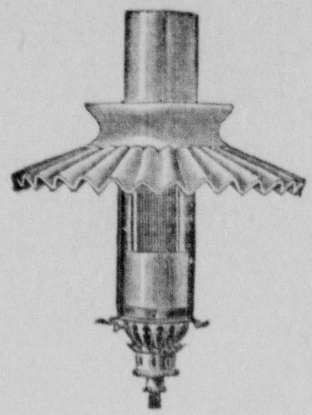
BAPTIST.

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Banquet.

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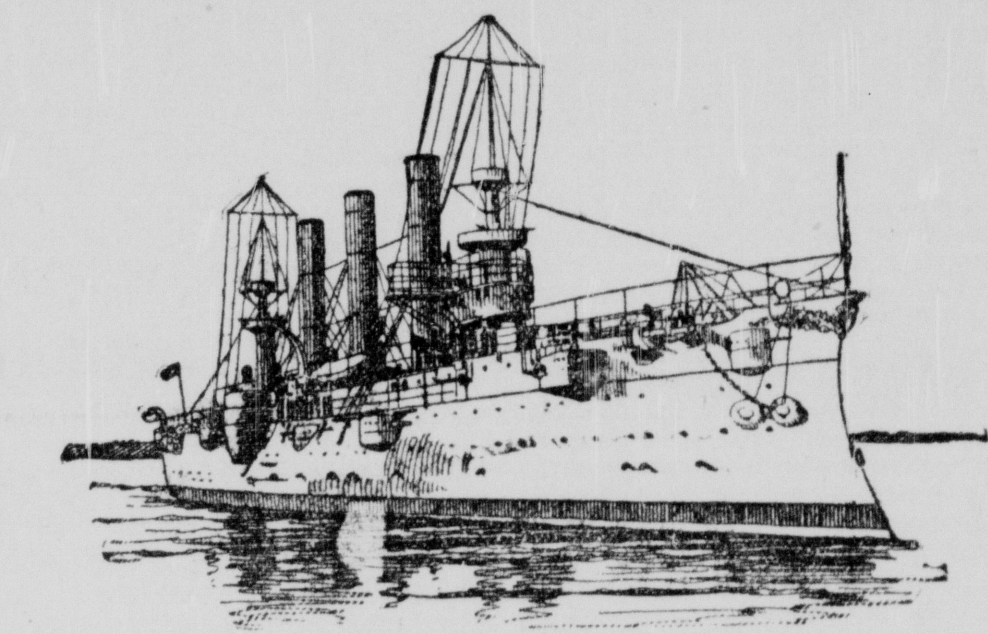
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Musical Church Service.

The five o'clock service at St. Luke's will be tomorrow as usual largely musical. The vested choir, S. Wesley Martin, Choir-master, Mrs. W. H. Smith, Organist, Carl Seaberg, Cornetist, assisted by Mrs. L. E. Edwards, Soprano will render the following music:

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Magnificat—Chant—34.
Nunc Dimittis—Chant—110.
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Hymn—"Son of My Soul"—Kebble
Address—"The Creed of the Christian"—Jesus Christ, His Only Son, Our Lord—The Rector.
Offertory Hymn—"Brief Life is Here Our Portion"—Neate
Vesper Hymn—"God that Madest Earth and Heaven"—Heber
Recessional—"Holy, Holy, Holy Lord"—Wordsworth
Organ Postlude—"Coral March"—Dudley Buck

of the pitiless sun as it rises to summon to their vile duty the buzzard and the vulture. What of thrill is left for you when the triumph comes and the blind populace who have not suffered, think only of the living but have no feeling for your dead? In every corpse there is a tragedy deep as yours. This is the same view to take of this harvest, whose gleanings are sorrows and whose stubble pierces to the quick. Loving and long-suffering mothers of men, it is you who must suffer when red war makes its demands. It is you who have the dread waiting to do; the living death of uncertainty to face. Your sighing should be louder in the public ear than all the clamor and boastful mouthings of hot-headed men. Let your plaint be this: "If war must be, let it be one of justice, or our great sacrifice will be hard indeed!"

And this is one further dread feature of war: a feature that makes it more dreadful and more heinous: On opposing sides the men-children of the yearning bowels of bereft mothers fight not because they have any feeling of individual enmity. They have in fact no knowledge of one another; they have no words of anger to rouse the blood to boiling point; they never met before, until the sharp call of the officers brought them face to face. Yet there they are aiming, firing, maiming, killing in a perfect frenzy of subordinated will. Beyond all this, they grow so wild with the horrible gloating and glut of bloodshed that death alone is not enough for the dead enemy, but he needs must be outraged, insulted, mocked when he is dead. Yet all this is spoken of as glory; it is made so by drawing a cloak over its horror; and by being heedless of the dead and heedful only of the survivors. It is the theme of the descriptive writer, a source of profit to the contractors, and a summons to insensate rejoicing on the part of all those human parasites who will gladly reap from other's sorrows where they themselves have neither sown nor known of sorrow or of loss.

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MADAM HICKORY.

Fit theme for song, the sylvan maid
Who, if she knew not fauns or satyrs,
Had conjured oft in mossy shade
Visions of savage palaces and towers!
I trove she dined on pork and maize
In cabin single roomed and sooted,
Quite innocent of frills and stays,
Warm hearted and barefooted.

Her beauty surely brought her note,
Perchance the frankness of her manners
Gave her ray to tales did gleam
To prove her scruples not Diana's,
But when the hero husband came
He crushed the scandal pests like vermin.
A terror hedged the hero's name,
And she was white as ermine.

Thenceforth, a matron fair and fat,
She shared the acting hero's station.
Thais with Alexander sat
And heard the plaudits of a nation.
What though small souls, with furtive leer,
Reviled old rumors of glimboor?
The hero held her yet more dear
And stainless as Madonna.

Weary of fortune's smile and frown,
She died without the White House portal,
But never wife wore richer crown,
A hero's troth and love immortal.
That love had made a queen of her
Whom haughty dames turned prudish
backs on.
And history smiles, but has no slur
For Mistress Andrew Jackson.
—Wilbur Larrimore in Bachelor of Arts.

SOMEWHAT MIXED.

An Enigma Which Broke Up The Answers to Correspondents Editor.

"Mister, do you write the 'Answers to Correspondents' for this paper?" asked the stranger with the despondent countenance as he leaned across the desk and heaved a rye tinged sigh through the atmosphere.

"Yes, sir. What can I do for you?"
"Can you answer a little question of relationship?"

"Give me the facts, and I'll try."

"Here you are: When I was a baby, my mother, a widow, married the brother of my father's first wife. He was my uncle, of course, but that made him my father, didn't it?"

"Your stepfather, you mean."

"Yes. Well, mother got a divorce from my uncle-father, and then she married the oldest son of my father's first wife. He was my half brother, wasn't he, and also my stepfather, wasn't he?"

"It looks as if he was."

"That made mother my half sister, didn't it?"

"I—I—I—I guess it did."

"That's what I thought. Well, you see, my uncle-father had a daughter before he married mother. She was my half sister, too, wasn't she?"

"I—I—I—I guess she was."

"That's the way I put it up. Next thing was my mother got a divorce from my brother-father, and he—my half brother, you know—married my half sister. That made her a kind of step-mother of mine, didn't it?"

"I—I—I—I—"

"Well, never mind answering yet. My half-brother-stepfather died, and now my half-sister-stepmother and I want to get married, but we can't figure out if we can without being arrested for some kind of thingamy. We don't want to have our tire punctured just as we get to scorching on the matrimonial tandem. What I want you to tell me is what is my relationship to my brother, my uncle, my stepfathers, my half sisters, my mother, my half brother, my stepmother and myself, and if I can marry her without—why, what's the matter?"

The "Answers to Correspondents" editor had become unconscious. — San Francisco Examiner.

Lincoln and Jeff Davis.

Malcolm Townsend has pointed out coincidences of events in the lives of Lincoln and Jeff Davis. Both were born in Kentucky—Lincoln in 1809, Davis in 1808. Both removed from their native state in childhood, Davis going to the southwest, Lincoln to the north-west. In the Black Hawk war Davis was a second lieutenant of regulars, Lincoln a captain of volunteers. Both began their political career at the same period, 1844, Davis being a presidential elector for Henry Clay. Both were elected to congress at about the same time, Davis in 1845, Lincoln in 1846. Lastly, in the same year and almost the same day, they were called on to preside over the destinies of their respective governments, Davis as president of the Confederate states, Feb. 8, 1861, and Lincoln as president of the United States, March 4, 1861.—New York Press.

His English.

"Well, you have a fine shop here," said the customer as he settled himself down to be shaved.

"Yah!" said the barber.

"But I don't think much of the outside."

"No; dot is not in it," said the barber.

"That's a good one," said the customer, laughing.

The barber flushed.

"Vat for you laugh at me?" he cried in anger. "You t'ink I understand not English?"—New York Sun.

Reforming.

"Your money or your life!" shouted the footpad.

"I have no money," said the victim, "and my life will be of no use to you."

"I don't know about that," replied the footpad. "I have been thinking for some time of trying a new life."—Philadelphia North American.

A Spur to Pride.

"It does a man good to be rejected by a girl."

"Why?"

"It makes him pitch in and marry a more attractive girl."—Chicago Record.

The omnibuses of one London company covered just about 20,000,000 miles in the course of a year, the distance sufficient to take them nearly three times around the world every day.

Amethyst quartz varies in color from very light blue to very dark yellow, then green, then transparent. Its coloring is due to manganese.

RELIC OF PAST AGE.

A Century Old Newspaper That Is Remarkably Well Preserved.

Mr. Glenn Brown, the architect, has an interesting relic in the shape of an old newspaper, probably one of the oldest publications to be found in this country. It is The Virginia Gazette and Alexandria Advertiser, published in Alexandria. The copy is dated Thursday, April 25, 1793. The motto of the paper, which is printed under the title, is as follows:

O thou by whose almighty nod the scale
Of empires rises or alternate falls,
Send forth the saving virtues round this land!

There is no mention made of the names of the publishers or editors, but an advertisement, which is inserted, asks for rags, old seines, fishing nets and the like to be brought to the office, so that paper can be made from it. From this it would seem that the firm manufactured its own paper.

In the news columns, which form but a small portion of the paper, the advertisements covering a greater part, is a dispatch dated London, Feb. 25 previous, giving an account of an insurrection in Ireland. There are also published Paine's reasons for preserving the life of Louis Capet. The plan of the new French constitution is given and a number of dispatches from Paris appear.

One of the most interesting advertisements in the paper is that of a lottery. It states that it will be given by the commissioner appointed to prepare the public buildings, etc., within the city of Washington for the reception of congress and for their permanent residence after the year 1800. Samuel Blodgett was the agent for the affair in this city. The capital prize was a hotel, with all furnishings, valued at \$50,000. There were cash prizes of \$25,000, the whole amounting to \$350,000. The lottery, by the way, was never held, as much opposition was developed against it. Samuel Blodgett was the one whose heirs claimed a large portion of the national capital.

There are several advertisements for runaway slaves, offering rewards of from \$6 to \$16. There is an offer of a reward of \$40, which would seem large compared with those offered for the runaway slaves, for eight bushels of clover seed, stolen from Mount Vernon. The advertisement goes on to state that the clover seed was stolen from the granary and is supposed to have been taken by negroes. It is signed by Anthony Whiting, who was Washington's overseer.

There is an advertisement in the paper of the celebrated horse Eclipse, from which many of the thoroughbred horses of the present day have descended. There is also an advertisement of the opening of the city tavern at the sign of the "Bunch of Grapes" by John Wise. The statement is made that northern and southern mails will arrive at the office until Nov. 1 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 6 p. m.

On one of the pages is a song composed for Lodge No. 10 "of Charles-town," commonly called Portobacco.

The paper consists of four pages of four columns each. The size of the sheets is about 12 by 18 inches. The paper was published Thursdays of each week. The s's were all like f's. The paper has been remarkably well preserved.—Washington Star.

Miracles and Dilettantism.

"He (Pugin) visited Sant' Andrea della Fratte, the scene of the miraculous conversion of Abbe Ratisbonne, the Jew. Abbe Ratisbonne entered the church a Jew and came out a Christian, having seen there, he stated, a vision of our Lady. 'The story,' Pugin said after seeing the church, 'is demonstrably false. The man could not have said a prayer in such a hideous church. Our Lady could not have chosen such a church for a vision. The man could have had no piety in him to have staid in such a church at all.'"

"The friend to whom his remarks were addressed replied, 'As I heard the story, Ratisbonne was not at the moment praying, but thinking of the uncouthness of the architecture of the place.' Pugin's whole face changed. 'Is that so? Then he was a man of God. He knew what true Christianity was, though he was a Jew. I honor him. Our Lady would have come to him anywhere. The story is demonstrably true.'—"Life of Cardinal Wiseman," by Wilfrid Ward.

Duck Eggs In an Albumen Factory.

Near Chingkiang, China, is a great albumen factory for the utilization of the duck eggs which are produced in that region in enormous quantities, flocks of 4,000 and 5,000 ducks being by no means uncommon. The eggs are broken at the rate of from 40,000 to 60,000 per day by women, who separate the white from the yolk, the former being carefully cleaned and dried until they resemble fish glue, when they are packed in 400 pound cases lined with zinc. The yolks are passed through sieves into 25 gallon receptacles, mixed with a salt and borax solution, packed in 500 pound barrels and used in Europe for preparing and dressing articles of superior quality. The albumen finds a ready market in England, France and Germany for dyes for the best cotton goods.—Philadelphia Press.

For Appearance's Sake.

She—Give you a latch key? Never!
He—But, wifey, just think how the fellows will make fun of me and abuse you.

She (reflecting)—Yes, that's so. Well, you can have this room key, and then you can tell them you took it by mistake for the house key.—Fliegende Blatter.

Philadelphia Joke.

Passenger—Let me off at Minute street.

Conductor—There ain't no such street to my knowledge.

Passenger—Oh, well, Sixty-second street will do.—Philadelphia Record.

FOMENTATIONS.

How to Prepare Them When No Hot Water Is at Hand.

Fomentations of hot or cold water are often very useful, and every one should know how to give them. A flannel cloth may be folded, wrung out of hot or cold water as is desired and applied directly to the skin. It is much better after wringing out the flannel as dry as desired to fold it in a dry flannel cloth of one or two thicknesses before applying it to the patient. A little time is required for the heat of the fomentation to penetrate the dry flannel, and thus the skin is allowed an opportunity to acquire tolerance for the heat, and a higher degree of temperature can be borne if the moist cloth is brought directly into contact with the surface. The outer fold of dry flannel will also serve to keep the cloth warm by preventing evaporation.

A hot fomentation is sometimes needed when no hot water is at hand. It is not necessary to wait for water to be heated in the usual way. Soak the flannel in cold water, wring as dry as desired, fold in a newspaper and lay upon the stove or wrap it about the stove-pipe. In a few minutes it will be as warm as the patient can bear. The paper keeps the pipe from becoming moistened by the wet flannel and at the same time prevents the flannel from being soiled by contact with the pipe.

Fomentations thoroughly applied will relieve most of the local pains for which liniments, lotions and poultices are generally applied and are greatly to be preferred to these remedies since they are cleaner and aid nature more effectually in restoring the injured parts to a sound condition.

The fomentation may be changed frequently, and after it has been removed massage may be given either by the person himself or another, so as to strengthen the part and promote a better circulation of blood in it.—Exchange.

KITTIES IN A JUNKSHOP.

They Are Old Sewing Machines That Are Bought For \$1.

"Got any kitties?"

The junk dealer looked startled, for the question betokened an intimate knowledge of the jargon of his kind.

"Why, yes, I guess so," he responded when he could get his breath. What the buyer meant was an old sewing machine which could be turned in to the sewing machine company as part payment on a new machine. The company allows \$5 on an old machine, and sometimes the agent or canvasser allows \$5 more out of his commission on the sale.

The public imagines that in some way these old machines are valuable to the company, but, in truth, they are of use only as arguments in forcing a sale. In the standard makes of machines there is supposed to be absolutely no cut in prices, and the only way that a seeming reduction can be made is by taking in an old machine and allowing for it. The company does this not for the sake of getting the machine, but for the sake of making a trade. Once the old timer is in their possession it is broken up and sold to a junk dealer.

The companies know, of course, that a large number of the families who turn in old machines said to have been bought by them before the flood really come from the secondhand stores and cost only \$1. At this rate the buyer gets an allowance of \$10, which, deducting the \$1, leaves net \$9. If there does happen to be an old one in the possession of the family, the whole \$10 is realized.—New York Press.

Midnight Harmonies.

The quaint old English church poet George Herbert was walking to Salisbury one evening to join a musical party when he met a poor man with a poorer horse that had fallen under his load. They were both in distress, and Mr. Herbert pulled off his coat and helped the man to unload his horse. He then gave him some money and left him. At his arriving at Salisbury his friends wondered at his coming into their company so soiled and discomposed. He explained the cause, and when one remarked that he had disparaged himself by so dirty an employment he answered that the thought of what he had done would prove music to him at midnight and that the omission of it would have upbraided and made discord in his conscience. "For if I am bound to pray for all that be in distress so far as it is in my power I am to practice what I pray for, and let me tell you, I would not willingly pass one day of my life without comforting a sad soul or showing mercy, and I bless God for this occasion. These are the places in which to attune one's conscience to midnight music."

M. D., F. R. S.

An eminent physician and Fellow of the Royal Society, seeing over the door of a paltry alehouse, the Crown and Thistle, by Malcolm MacTavish, M. D., F. R. S., walked in and severely rebuked the landlord for this presumptuous insult to science. Boniface, with proper respect, but with a firmness that showed he had been a soldier, assured the doctor that he meant no insult to science. "What right, then," asked he, "have you to put up those letters after your name?"

"I have," answered the landlord, "as good a right to these as your honor, as drum major of the Royal Scots fusiliers."—Sanitarium.

The Modern Drama.

"Have you copyrighted your play?" asked the theatrical manager.

"No," replied the dramatist, lowering his voice, "but I copied it right."—Chicago Tribune.

When a man loses an ear, by paying from \$100 to \$125 he can procure another made of specially prepared rubber that can be crumpled without injury and is carefully painted to resemble the natural organ.

HOWELL ON WHIST.

No Convention Should Be Allowed Which Cannot Be Readily Understood.

XIV.

On Saturday, Jan. 22, the American Whist club team of Boston for the third time defeated the Park club team of Plainfield, N. J., for the American Whist league challenge trophy. The score of losses, 29 to 22, was pretty heavy on both sides, a circumstance that is explained by the unusually difficult character of the hands. Both parties agree that many trying situations arose, and it was by their superior strategy in these instances that the Bostonians won. Two members of the American team, Messrs. Ward and Whitney, are short suiters by inclination and preference, but in this match they submitted to team discipline and pretty strictly played the long suit game, of which their captain, Bouve, is a staunch and able advocate. For some reason or other the sincerity of their straightforwardness, and particularly of Ward's, seems to have been doubted by the Jerseymen, who on several occasions, after peccolary looking plays by Ward, asked the cocky Bostonian, "What did that mean?" This question is commoner than it ought to be in important whist matches. If a player makes an irregular or obscure play, his adversaries can size it up in one of three ways. In the first place, it may have no special significance, but he made merely to perplex the enemy, and in this case the question, "What did that mean?" is obviously idle. It may even cost the asker a loss of some self esteem if it be answered by the retort pointed rather than courteous. In the American-Park game Ward merely smiled and replied, "Oh, I don't know," which was as near the truth as it could be and still be polite and pleasant.

In the second place, the enemy may suppose the peculiar play made to be a private convention, but if he intends so to imply by his "What did that mean?" he is gratuitously insulting his adversaries, because private conventions are known to be illegal and generally believed to be ungentlemanly. In a gentlemen's game it should surely be unnecessary to accuse anybody, even by implication or innuendo, of using private conventions.

But if your peculiar looking play is neither a private convention nor a mere departure from routine without special significance it must be a published, known and practiced artifice, and by asking "What did that mean?" the adversary confesses his ignorance of the scientific developments of whist. His query is therefore unworthy of an expert.

In short, unless there is a flaw in my reasoning, the "What did that mean?" of the modern whist match—which expression, by the way, is by no means confined to Plainfield, N. J.—must be wrong and ought to be abolished. To my mind the practice is at once ridiculous and shameful. Imagine a football captain after the adverse team had broken through the line by a trick asking the other captain, "Tell us how you did that?" He would be laughed at for his pains. It is his business to know enough football to understand the trick after seeing it worked and thenceforth to guard against it. The same argument, it appears to me, applies with equal force to a whist match. "What did that mean?" is a ridiculous admission of lack of knowledge and perception.

But it is also a shameful reflection on the game if you regard it in a slightly different light. It implies that the whist of today is so saturated with arbitrary and artificial conventions that no man, however intelligent and well posted, can presume to be familiar with them all or to divine their meanings by any logical process of perception or inference. Thus viewed, the "What did that mean?" is equivalent to saying, "You seem to be using a signal that has no foundation in the natural order of the game and which may mean anything you choose, and which I don't consider legitimate unless you explain it to me." It is a great pity that whist should have reached this stage of logical, cut and dried, annoying conventionalism. No wonder some authorities claim that any play which calls forth a "What did that mean?" from the adversaries is a private convention, pure and simple, even if it has been heard of and practiced before. I am more and more inclined every day to believe that no convention should be allowed which cannot be understood without explanation by a player of experience and skill.

Many players of the routine school seem to think that conventionalism is the crowning virtue of modern whist and that nothing is just right unless it is conventional. One of these players, sitting the other day in a game of bridge whist, led a queen from king, queen and others, and his partner, denying him the king, went astray and by ignorance of the situation lost the game. After it was all over the routinist explained, "It was a straight queen lead, to show five." "Five he banded!" was the partner's response. "I want to know what you have, not how many." The partner was right. These arbitrary number showing conventions are worse than time wasted at bridge whist. They are seldom used, and when they are very probably confused partner. Why? Because they are unnatural. To call a queen led from king, queen and others "straight" is putting the cart before the horse. As a matter of fact the king is the only "straight" lead from this combination, and the queen is a bit of whist hieroglyphics and as crooked as hieroglyphics usually are.

I am not an enemy of system at whist or of conventionality carried to a reasonable extent, but I do deplore the spirit which actuates "What did that mean?" and the calling of crooked things "straight."

E. C. HOWELL.

Last Letter of Mary, Queen of Scots.

This is the conclusion of a letter of Mary, queen of Scots, to Henry III of France and believed to have been written by her on the morning of her execution Feb. 8, 1587:

It remains for me to beseech you, as a very Christian king, my brother-in-law and ancient ally, who has always protested to love me, that at this blow you will give proof in all these points of your virtue, soliciting me that for the discharge and ease of my conscience you will recompense my disconsolate servants, giving them their wages, and the other point is that you will cause prayers to be offered to God for a queen who has been called most Christian and dies a Catholic strip of all her goods. As to my son, I commend him to you as much as he will deserve, but for that I cannot answer. I have been so bold as to send you two rare stones, desiring for you perfect health, with a happy and long life. You will receive them as from your very affectionate sister-in-law, who, in dying, gives you testimony of her good will toward you. I again commend to you my servants. You will order, if it please you, that for my soul I am paid part of that which you owe to me, and that for the honor of Jesus Christ, to whom I shall pray tomorrow at my death, that you will provide somewhat to found an Obit and bestow the usual alms. Wednesday at 2 after midnight. Your very affectionate and right good sister,
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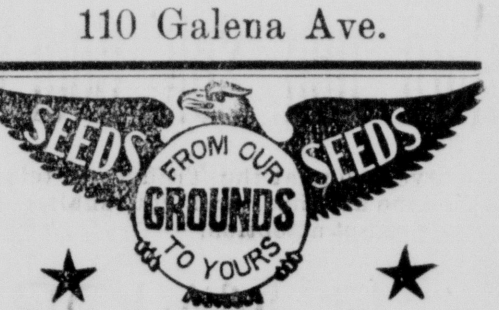


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The March Magazines.

THE CENTURY.

The March number of The Century opens with a paper on "The Mammoth Cave of Kentucky," written by John R. Proctor, formerly State Geologist of Kentucky, and accompanied by many striking illustrations by Castaigne. John Sidney Webb describes "The River Trip to the Klondike," with pictures redrawn from photographs. Last summer Mr. Webb made a tour of investigation along the entire coast of Alaska, and up the Yukon as far as the Klondike mines, on behalf of the Alaska Commercial Company. His investigation, therefore, included not only famed Klondike, but the other creeks and streams tributary to the Yukon. Edward S. Curtis tells of "The Rush to the Klondike over the Mountain Passes," also illustrated from photographs. Jonas Stading, the Swedish journalist who described for The Century "Andree's Flight into the Unknown," gives an account of the remarkable recovery of the killing of a carrier-pigeon of the sole message received from the aeronaut. Mrs. Sara Y. Stevenson, in her series of graphic papers dealing with the French Intervention in Mexico, pictures "Mexican Society in Maximilian's Time, 1866." John Burroughs writes in his most sympathetic vein of the "Songs of American Birds." There is a paper by Richard T. Ely on "Fraternalism vs. Paternalism in Government," and Gen. James S. Clarkson tells of the circumstances under which Gen. Grant wrote and delivered his famous Des Moines speech.

ST. NICHOLAS.

The March number of St. Nicholas has for a frontispiece a drawing by George Wharton Edwards, "A Milk-maid of Dordrecht." The opening paper is by W. S. Harwood, and is devoted to "The Great Lakes." Mr. Harwood has gathered many interesting facts about these vast inland seas, their history, peculiarities, and scenic grandeur, and he also tells of the vast amount of commerce that passes through them. There are many illustrations, including a number of striking pictures of lake navigation. Oliver Herford contributes a characteristic illuminated poem, "The Snail's Dream." Meredith Nugent gives some "Leaves from the Notebook of an Animal-Artist," with a page of sketches. Tudor Jenks gives advice as to the choice and use of "Reference Books for Boys and Girls." In Clement Fenzl's fairy tale of science, "Through the Earth," the hero experiences some remarkable effects of gravitation. There are poems by Virginia Woodward Cloud and Mildred Howells. Abbie Farwell Brown pays poetic tribute to the late "Lewis Carroll," and an editorial note gives an interesting account of a visit paid to this prince of nonsense writers some years ago.

SCRIBNER'S MAGAZINE.

An entirely new and remarkable phase of Walter A. Wyckoff's experience as a day laborer is begun in the March Scribner's with "The Workers—The West." A certain idyllic quality was never far distant from even his most sordid experiences in the rural regions, which made the first division of this narrative the most talked-of feature of the year. But in this new experiment he plunges into the 'heart of a congested labor market'—Chicago, before the World's Fair. Here he learned what it was to look for work and fail to find it under the spur of hunger and cold. His narrative differs from all previous accounts of the slums and slumming because he actually lived the life for months on the same conditions as the poorest. He raised himself from the vagabond class by the only door that is open to them—the door of labor. He entered into their organizations—labor unions, socialist meeting, and anarchist societies. He does not believe that we are on the eve of a "Social Revolution," and this narrative will be the best answer to alarmists. It is not an economic discussion, however, but an absorbing—often dramatic and pathetic—account of actual people and experiences. These are facts of life presented with amazing literary skill.

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When Sarony established his photograph gallery in New York, he conceived the idea of advertising his business by placing in prominent locations samples of his work. There were professional beauties and handsome actresses in those days, just as there are in these days, but Sarony never found a more inspiring subject than his own wife, and he used to delight to make pictures of her in all sorts of artistic attitudes and in all sorts of garb to which her remarkable figure and charming features best lent themselves. So it came about that hundreds if not thousands of photographs were taken of Mrs. Bonnano before her first husband died. These photographs extend over a period of many years, showing Mrs. Bonnano in the flush of youth and up to the maturity of her personal charms. They make a remarkable collection that is highly prized by members of her family. Not only was Mrs. Bonnano photographed often, but her picture was painted and sketched hundreds of times. Sarony himself drew her portrait in charcoal or crayon at every opportunity.—Philadelphia Press.

OLD ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.

Historically It Is Among the Most Interesting Churches in the Country.

Historically and in the relics of the past which it contains few if any churches in America are more interesting than old St. John's at Portsmouth, N. H. The founding of the parish dates from 1638, but the present edifice is modern. It was built in 1806, and the good man who preached the dedication sermon described it as a work of stupendous magnitude. It is not, however, the building which attracts us, but its belongings. Here we see the old prayer book, with the prayer for the president pasted over that for the king; the "Vinegar" Bible, of which only 40 copies were printed, and but five of which are in the United States. The bell which calls the parish to prayers is a capture from Louisburg, and, although twice recast, once by Paul Revere, since its voice was heard in its foreign home, it is yet the same old bell. An armchair, which stands behind the altar rail was a gift from Queen Caroline, but is now known as the Washington chair, having been occupied by the first president of the United States when he attended service in the old church.

Admiral Farragut was buried from St. John's, and the reading table is made of wood from his flagship. A strange bit of treasure trove is the heavy porphyry font taken from an old church in Portsmouth and captured by the English from the French off the coast of Africa. Every Sunday 12 loaves of bread are placed upon this font and distributed to 12 old women, in accordance with the terms of one Theodore Eccleston's last will and testament, and because of a gift by will the church is still heated by wood fires.—Nashua (N. H.) Telegraph.

The Child at the Play.

The 6-year-old son of a newspaper man occasionally goes to the matinee with his mother, but the trouble with him is that he becomes greatly excited and is apt to express his feelings in words, to the amusement of the audience, but somewhat to the annoyance of the actors. At a recent play one of the actors was in the act of choking another whom he suspected of being guilty of a crime. As the actor went toward the supposed villain with his hands outstretched the boy became greatly excited, and as the men clinched the boy stood up and called out, "Say, let him alone, he didn't do it." There was a laugh from the audience and a surprised look from the stage.

At another time, in a play where a husband suspected his wife, and she was pleading to be taken home and given an opportunity to prove her innocence, the boy could not stand the woman's pleas and the husband's cold reception of her entreaties, and he called out, "Please, mister, take her back."

The boy has not been taken to the theater recently.—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

Time Is Also Cruel.

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Mon.	36	58	48	58	34		
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—George Sturtz is down from Franklin Grove.
—J. W. Watts and wife went to Ashton this morning.
—Mrs. Jake Marteeny is here on a visit from Freeport.
—J. P. McWilliams drove up from Harmon this morning.
—Fred Rikert is back from the duck hunters' camp at Erie.
—C. C. Gonnerman was visited today by a Mr. Wrights of Ashton.
—Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Remmers of Grand Detour drove here today.
—C. V. Kerch is moving into his new residence on North Chamberlin.
—Attorney William Winn will spend Sunday with his parents in Amboy.
—The family of George Smith of North Dixon is moving out of town.
—Mrs. Orpha Sanford of Batavia, Ill., is visiting relatives in this city.
—A. C. Dollemeyer has telephone No. 252 on the county line, at his residence.
—Charles Barton, at the Winnebago swamps yesterday killed twelve ducks.
—C. C. Burkhardt, the jeweler, will go tonight to Mendota to visit relatives.
—Advertisements changed this evening: J. H. Morris & Son; Chas. A. Todd.
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—C. E. Overhart, after an all winter stay here with J. P. Manges, has gone to Amboy.
—Dr. M. L. White was called to West Brooklyn today by the illness of her father.
—Miss Gracie Plattner is entertaining a few friends at her home on Monroe avenue.
—Treleven, the optician, will be in Dixon at the Nachusa House, Thursday, March 24th.
—James Drew, of the firm of Haley & Drew, has joined the Schuler duck hunting expedition at Erie.
—George Hoban has left town on an extended pleasure trip and he is in doubt as to when he will return.
—J. M. Tinsley is remodeling the interior of his jewelry store. The Kewin stock is being shipped to Iowa.
—Mrs. Wm. H. Gordan and son of Des Moines, Iowa, are guests at the home of her uncle, Bev. Reynolds, on East Fourth street.
—A great many smile and shake their heads when Dr. Robbins says that it was a business trip to Chicago and Milwaukee from which he returned last evening.
—During the storm last evening lightning struck one of the buildings back of Paul Lord's carriage shop; but did no other damage than to tear off a lot of shingles.
—The Fowler bicycle exhibit in this city has been moved to Rochelle this afternoon, after a stay of two days. A. R. Bloomfield and J. M. Miller are the gentlemen agents in charge.
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ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE.

Public notice is hereby given that under and in pursuance of a decree of the County Court of Lee County, State of Illinois, entered May 20, 1897, in a certain cause therein pending wherein J. G. Dessinger, Administrator of the Estate of John D. Slothower, deceased, was petitioner and Virginia Friesenburgh, U. R. Friesenburgh, George W. Slothower, Elsie Slothower, John H. Slothower, Ella T. Slothower, Anna E. Dessinger, John G. Dessinger, Mary E. Marshall, John Marshall, Stephen H. Slothower, Josephine Paulver, and Rachel C. Slothower, were defendants, the undersigned will at the hour of two o'clock in the afternoon of Monday, April 11, 1898, at the North door of the Court House in Dixon, Illinois, offer for sale at public auction the following premises: The Easterly one-third of Lot Three (3) and the Westerly one-third of Lot Four (4), in Block Seventeen (17), in the subdivision of the West half of the North-west fractional quarter of Section Five (5), in Township Twenty-one (21) North, of Range Nine (9) East of the Fourth Principal Meridian, in the City of Dixon, Lee County, Illinois. Terms: All cash, or \$100 cash, and balance on a credit of twelve months in notes with personal security and a mortgage on premises sold.

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WM. H. GRAY would respectfully announce to his friends in Lee County that he will be a candidate for County Treasurer at the coming election, subject to the action of the Republican County Convention.

I HEREBY announce myself a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Lee County, subject to the action of the coming Republican County Convention, and respectfully solicit the support of the people throughout the County. THOS. S. CLOUGH. d&w

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I HEREBY announce myself as a candidate for the office of Treasurer of Lee County, subject to the action of the coming Republican County Convention. Respectfully, JOHN M. STEKLING, Nelson Township. d&w

MARK D. SMITH, would respectfully announce to the voters of Lee County that he will be a candidate for Sheriff at the coming election, subject to the action of the Republican County Convention, and will be thankful for the support of his friends. d&w

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